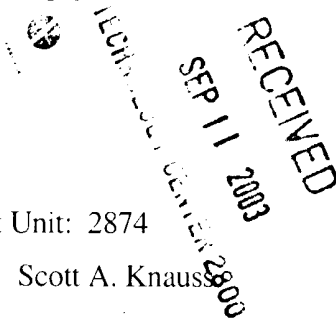




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In re application of

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For: CLADDING-PUMPED OPTICAL FIBRE AND METHOD FOR MAKING SAME

**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.136**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.136, Applicants hereby petition for an extension of time of one (1) month, extending the time for responding to the Office Action dated May 8, 2003, to and including September 8, 2003.

A check for the statutory extension fee of \$110.00 is attached. The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all additional required fees (except the Issue Fee and/or the Publication Fee) to our Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayment to said Deposit Account. A duplicate copy of this sheet is also enclosed.

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